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	,	Artema Island	, Zhiloy Island an	a and Baku Bay, th d Nargin Island.	There are two	other is	slands,	
•		neither of which is important. Peschanyy Island, located 1 to 1½ kilometers south of the Apsheronsk Peninsula, is practically uninhabited and seagoing vessels cannot approach the island due to the shallowness of the water. It is far easier to approach the island on foot from the shore of the peninsula. The other Island, Shakhov, is located about two kilometers from ShakhovaSpit, and has practically merged with the Spit. No approach can be made to the island from the sea due to the shallowness of the water. It too is not inhabited. The area between these islands and the Apsheronsk peninsula is excellent for fishing.						
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	•	ARTEMA ISLAND	-					
	2.	Artema Island is located four or five kilometers from the eastern shore of the Apsheronsk peninsula. The island is about 10 kilometers long and from one to three kilometers wide. Oil wells are located on the island and in the water about the island. It is important to note that in recent years the number of oil derricks has greatly increased in the area surrounding the island. A small village of white, one and two story houses is located on the island. This village is for the oil workers, who number about 3,000. They live on the island with their families. Additionally, there are four T five oil storage tanks, capacity about						
		500 or 600 to	ns each, located o	n the island. The	se storage ta	nks are o	dark in	

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Buoys, which light at night are located all about the island. The northern terminal of the island is protected by two buoys, one a fixed white light and the other a flashing red light. The eastern part of the island is also protected by two buoys, one a whistle buoy with a flashing red light and the other a flashing red and white light. The southern terminal of the island is protected by a flashing red buoy. Large seagoing vessels approach Baku from the lee leaving the island on their port side. There are no unusual features visible on the island other than the oil derricks which are located in great numbers on and about the

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	island. Seen from the sea, the island looks like a brown, slightly hilly plain. There is no vegetation on the island.
50X <u>1</u>	that no prisoner of war or concentration camps were ever located on this island. There is also no military installation located there. that the oil installations are guarded by military guards who come under the Ministry of the Oil Industry of the USSR.
5.	There is no direct communication with Baku. There is a continuous movement of launches between the island and eastern end of the Apsheronsk peninsula, in the area about the Shalonski lighthouse. The dock area is located in the northern part of the island, on the western side, near the village.
6. 50X1	As far as there being restrictions on visiting the island and restricted areas on the island 50X1
7.	An oil pipeline crosses the strait from the island to the Apsheronsk peninsula, heading in the direction of Kala.
8.	Shiphandlers approaching Artema Island regularly fix their positions on the Apsheronsk lighthouse, located on the Apsheronsk peninsula, opposite Artema Island. The lighthouse is built of stone, and is a round tower about 100 meters high. The lighthouse has two lights, one above the other. The upper light is a fixed white, while the lower light is a fixed white and red-green.
	ZHILOY ISLAND
9.	Zhiloy Island is located a distance of about 20 kilometers to the east from the tip of the Apsheronsk peninsula (Shakhova Spit). The island has the appearance of a horseshoe, is about eight kilometers long and one to two kilometers wide. The most obvious feature of the island is the lighthouse 'Zhiloy', which consists of a two-story white building with a stone tower rising from the second story. In all, the lighthouse is about 50 meters high, the building being about 10 meters and the tower 40 meters. The lighthouse has a fixed white light and a flashing red light. Additionally, the island is protected
	on the north side by a whistling buoy with a flashing red light, and on the South by a similar type buoy. 50X1
10.	A small village of small, primarily one-story flat-roofed homes is located on the island. These are for the oil workers and their families, present time, oil well drilling is taking place at a great rate, and there is a large number of oil derricks on the northern part of the island. the oi50X1 wells on this island are being exploited at a very rapid rate.
11.	There are no military installations on the island, of any prisoner of over or concentration camp being located there. There is no vegetation on the island, and, from the sea, it has the appearance of a dirty yellow plain. A small wooden dock is located on the western side of the island, and small, shallow draft launches approach the island from the Apsheronsk peninsula. There is no regular communication with Baku. From time to time, during severe storms, small freighters approach the western side of the island and anchor there for protection against the storms. These freighters are operated by the Steamship Line Kaspflot.
50X1 50X1	restriction on visiting the island, nor of any restricted areas
50/1	on the island. the area about Zhiloy Island is not classified $a_{50\hat{\chi}1}$ restricted area.
4	NARGIN ISLAND
13.	Nargin Island is located in Baku Bay, opposite the city of Baku, about eight kilometers from the city boundary. The island is small, being about two or three kilometers long, and I to 1½ kilometers wide. A small tower, about 12 meters high, is located on the island. At nightfall there is a white flashing light atop the tower. At one time there were a lot of ruins on this island, both buildings and towers. These are no longer there, and instead there is a small village of one and two-story flat-roofed white buildings which house the cil workers and their families
14.	Oil well drilling is going on on the island and in the area surrounding the island. There are a great number of oil derricks located between the island and that part of the city of Baku known as Bailovo. Also, a small wooden dock is located on the island, to which launches and small motor boats ply from the city of Baku. There is no vegetation on the island and from the sea it appears as a dirty vellow plain. There are no military installations located on the island. of any restrictions relative to visiting the island. Seasoing

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vessels, leaving Baku for the open sea, leave the island on the port side, and pass within 100 meters of the island, so that all that the island contains is easily visible to anyone aboard the passing vessels.

RESTRICTED AREAS IN BAKU AND ITS ENVIRONS

- 15. The area about Kushlyi, a suburb north of Baku, was classified as a restricted area due to the fact that a prison is located there.
- The area where the old naval base is located, between Morskoi Boulevard and the ship repair factory imeni Parizkoi Kommuni, was classified as a restricted area, and approach from the shore and from the sea was forbidden. The sea approach to this area was classified as being an area dangerous to sailing. Regardless of the fact that the naval base was completely guarded, a good view of the base could be had from Nagorno Park imeni Kirovo, which was located on a hill overlooking the base. At the present time, only old submarines and dated war vessels are anchored there. During recent years, the naval base in the southern part of Baku Bay has gained in importance. This base is located behind the ship repair factory imeni Vano Styrya and now harbors the more modern war vessels. This area is classified restricted, and approach is forbidden both by sea and from the shore.

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for repair work. In the past, most of the work for the Navy had been done by the Parizkoi Kommuni Shipyard.

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